

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant appreciates the time that Examiner Shah took for a telephonic interview on December 15, 2004. During the interview, claim 1 was discussed, as were the Pereira and Maruyama references. No resolution was reached, but it was agreed that Applicant would submit claim amendments along the line of those submitted herewith. Applicant requests Examiner Shah to contact the undersigned at (650) 314-5324 to discuss the claim amendments.

It is respectfully submitted that, as amended, the claims recite subject matter not present in the combination of cited references. For example, the combination of cited references does not disclose, while an operating system is executing, integrating resource controls associated with newly added operating system software into a set of one or more resource controls already associated with the operating system before addition of the newly-added operating system software. Furthermore, the combination of cited references does not disclose granting a requested resource to an operating system entity based on limiting values in the integrated set of one or more resource controls corresponding to the requested one of the resources.

Respectfully submitted,

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